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### WHERE IS THE RIVER JEFFREON?

Students of Indian boundary lines in the Mississippi Valley have some difficulty in locating the "river Jeffreon" mentioned in Article 2 of the treaty at St. Louis, November 3, 1804, as follows:

The general boundary line between the lands of the United States and of the said Indian tribes shall be as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the Missouri river opposite to the mouth of the Gasconade river; thence in a direct course so as to strike the river Jeffreon at the distance of thirty miles from its mouth, and down the said Jeffreon to the Mississippi, thence up the Mississippi to the mouth of the Ouiskonsing river and up the same to a point which shall be thirty-six miles in a direct line from the mouth of the said river, thence by a direct line to the point where the Fox river (a branch of the Illinois) leaves the small lake called Sakaegan, thence down the Fox river to the Illinois river, and down the same to the Mississippi. And the said tribes, for and in consideration of the friendship and protection of the United States which is now extended to them, of the goods (to the value of two thousand two hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty cents) which are now delivered, and of the annuity hereinafter stipulated to be paid, do hereby cede and relinquish forever to the United States, all the lands included within the above-described boundary.<sup>1</sup>

We present herewith a map showing "An island called the Jefreon" at the mouth of the river, and the line from opposite the mouth of the Gasconade to the point thirty miles from the mouth of the river as designated in the treaty.

Incidentally, the west line of the Black Hawk Purchase treaty of September 21, 1832, is here indicated in a projection to the Missouri river, and identified as the western boundary of the Sac and Fox claims.

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<sup>1</sup>Kappler's *Indian Affairs, Laws and Treaties*, v. II, p. 74.

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